



Senate Daily Summary

Wednesday 9 March 2005

The Senate met from 9.30am until 7.35pm

Privilege

The Deputy President tabled [two documents](#) relating to the execution of search warrants. The Senate debated and agreed to a motion (moved by [Senator Faulkner](#)) to take note of the documents.

Budget 2004-05

[For Budget Papers, Portfolio Budget Statements and related sites click here](#)

The Minister for Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs tabled [particulars of proposed](#) and certain proposed expenditure relating to tsunami financial assistance. Portfolio supplementary additional estimates statements for several portfolios were also tabled.

Legislation

[For full text of bills and other associated documents click here](#)

The following bills were introduced in the Senate

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Levy and Fees) Bill 2005
- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2004 Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Higher Education Legislation Amendment (2005 Measures No. 1) Bill 2005
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Parliamentary Service Amendment Bill 2005

The following bill was considered

- ❑ Broadcasting Services Amendment (Anti-Siphoning) Bill 2004—second reading agreed to and committee of the whole commenced—
1 Opposition [amendment](#) agreed to and 2 Opposition [amendments](#) to be determined

The following bills were passed

Without amendments

[These bills will now be assented to]

- ❑ Family and Community Services and Veterans' Affairs Legislation Amendment (Further 2004 Election Commitments and Other Measures) Bill 2005
- ❑ Farm Household Support Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ Medical Indemnity Legislation Amendment Bill 2005
- ❑ New International Tax Arrangements (Managed Funds and Other Measures) Bill 2004

With amendments

- ❑ National Health Amendment (Prostheses) Bill 2005–1 Democrat and 5 Australian Progressive Alliance [amendments](#) agreed to [The House of Representatives will now consider the amendments made by the Senate]

The following message from the House of Representatives was considered

- ❑ Bankruptcy and Family Law Legislation Amendment Bill 2005–The message reported that the House of Representatives had agreed to the bill with an [amendment](#). The Senate agreed to the amendment made by the House of Representatives. [The bill will now be assented to]

See the **Committees** section for details of reports relating to legislation

Delegated legislation

For a complete list of notices of motion to disallow (and outcomes) [click here](#)

Notices of motion withdrawn

Notices of motion to disallow [Approvals and Notices of Approval](#) in relation to 27 educational institutions, made under section 16-50(1) of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003* were withdrawn

See the **Documents** section for details of instruments [Clerk's documents] tabled

Committees

For scheduled public committee hearings [click here](#)

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Reports tabled

- ❑ Scrutiny of Bills Committee–[Alert Digest No. 2](#) of 2005 and [2nd report](#) of 2005–Legislative Instruments Act: Declarations [contain assessments of bills on civil liberties and related grounds]
- ❑ Selection of Bills Committee–[Report No. 2](#) of 2005 [report adopted] [contains recommendations to refer bills to legislation committees]
- ❑ Tax Laws Amendment (2004 Measures No. 7) Bill 2005–Economics Legislation Committee

Documents tabled

- ❑ [Delegated legislation monitor](#)—Regulations and disallowable instruments tabled in the Senate in 2004—Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee
- ❑ [Ministerial correspondence](#) relating to the scrutiny of delegated legislation, February to December 2004—Regulations and Ordinances Standing Committee

See the **Reports tabled** section (*Selection of Bills Committee Report*) for details of bills referred to committees

Public meeting

The Senate agreed that the following public meeting may be held while the Senate is sitting:

- ❑ Finance and Public Administration References Committee—10 March 2005 from 4pm to 8pm—Regional Partnerships program

Notices of motion given

To refer matters to committees

- ❑ Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Legislation Amendment (Levy and Fees) Bill 2005—Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee—to report by 6 May 2005
- ❑ [Australian involvement](#) in rendition and the practice of torture overseas, and any related matters—Legal and Constitutional References Committee—to report by 22 June 2005
- ❑ Circumstances surrounding the agreement reached between Telstra and the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission regarding the competition notice issued to Telstra on 19 March 2004—Environment, Communications, Information Technology and the Arts References Committee—to report by 10 May 2005

Motions agreed to

The Senate agreed to motions about:

- ❑ [‘Blackout Violence’ campaign](#)—moved by Senator Ridgeway
- ❑ [Synthetic greenhouse gases](#)—moved by Senator Brown

Notices of motion

For other notices of motion not mentioned elsewhere [click here](#)

Orders for the production of documents

Orders with continuing effect

Indexed lists of departmental and agency files published on the internet

A statement of compliance for the Finance and Administration portfolio agencies was tabled [Letters of advice about certain files created by departments and agencies required to be tabled twice yearly; [Senate order](#) agreed to]

Documents

The following documents were tabled:

- ❑ [Auditor-General](#)—Audit reports nos. 31 to 36 of 2004-05
- ❑ [Clerk's documents](#) [disallowable instruments and other documents required by statute to be tabled]
- ❑ [Government documents](#) [tabled [and considered](#)]

No petitions were received

Also in the Senate yesterday

- ❑ Matters of public interest debate [[link to first speaker](#)]
- ❑ Questions without notice and debate on issues arising in Question Time
- ❑ Adjournment debate [[link to first speaker](#)]

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